

REMARKS

I. APPLICANTS SUBMIT A PAPER COPY OF THE SEQUENCE LISTING, AN AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION AND THE REQUISITE STATEMENT

Applicants submit a paper copy of the Sequence Listing, which is the same as in the prior application. Applicants also submit an amendment to the specification in order to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821.

Applicants have amended the specification to include a "Sequence Listing" as specified by 37 C.F.R. § 1.823. Support for the above-identified "Sequence Listing" is found in the specification on page 41, where the sequence is disclosed. No new matter is added.

The content of the attached paper copy and the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same. The computer readable copy was submitted in the prior application, as discussed below.

II. STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e)

Applicants request that sequence information previously submitted in the patent application from which this application claims the benefit of priority, be used in this application. The previous application is Application No. 09/932,923, filed on August 21,

2001, and this application is a divisional of the prior application. Applicant has filed a paper copy of the Sequence Listing in this application with this Preliminary Amendment.

The paper copy of the Sequence Listing in this application is identical to the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed in application 09/932,923, filed August 21, 2001. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), please use the only computer readable form filed in the '923 application on November 19, 2001 as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the instant application. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing is included herein as Appendix A for incorporation into the specification.

III. REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication of which is solicited.

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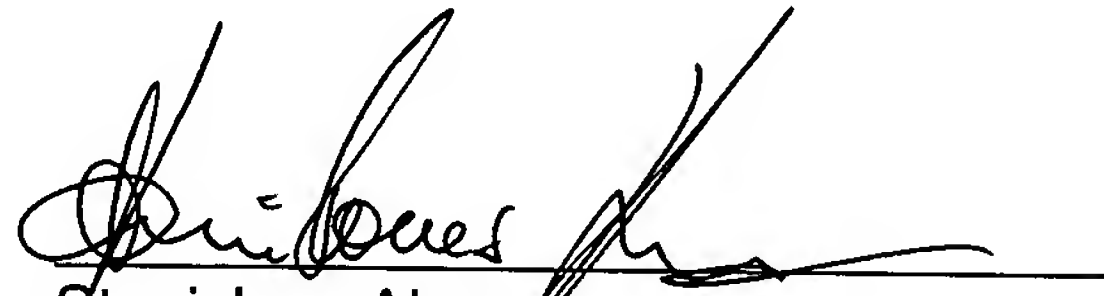
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